

REMARKS

Upon entry of the above described amendments, claims 15 and 20 remain pending in the application. Claims 17-19 have been cancelled. Amendments have been made to the claims to simply overcome the objections to the specification and rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Prior to entry of the above described amendments, claims 15 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In response, Applicant has amended claim 15 to incorporate the subject matter of previously presented claim 17 and claim 18 which was identified as including allowable subject matter. Claim 19 has been cancelled.

In view of the amendments set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims are in a condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Prior to entry of the above amendments claims 15 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rice (U.S. Pat. No. 3,750,494). Additionally, claims 15, 17, 19, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being

unpatentable over British Patent No. 608,048 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,243,869 (Kukowski).

Applicant submits that in view of the amendments presented above the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be rendered moot. As such, remaining claims 15 and 20 should be in a condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION:

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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